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## Pennsylvania Tart Cherry Production

HARRISBURG, PA- Pennsylvania's 2015 tart cherry production is forecast at 3.2 million pounds, 167 percent above last year's production of 1.2 million pounds and up 45 percent from 2013, according to King Whetstone, Director of the Northeastern Regional Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

United States tart cherry production is forecast at 223 million pounds, down 23 percent from the 2014 production.

In Michigan, the largest producing State, a hard freeze during late May reduced yields significantly.

In Wisconsin, growers reported damage to trees from harsh winter weather. Several growers no longer have production due to tree mortality.

Oregon and Utah growers expect a smaller than average crop this year. A freeze event led to loss of some trees that were not yet dormant.

Pennsylvania growers reported a crop that will result in a relatively good production. Favorable conditions contributed to good yields. In Washington, rains and above average temperatures during spring, pushed maturity ahead of the normal pace. Harvest started three weeks ahead of normal.

Tart Cherry Production - States and United States: 2013, 2014, and  
Forecasted 2015

State	Total production		
	2013	2014	2015
	million pounds		
Michigan .....	218.7	203.0	134.0
New York .....	12.0	10.0	8.2
Oregon .....	4.3	2.2	2.8
Pennsylvania .....	2.2	1.2	3.2
Utah .....	26.8	36.1	40.0
Washington .....	17.9	24.3	25.0
Wisconsin .....	12.3	12.0	9.4
United States .....	294.2	288.8	222.6

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